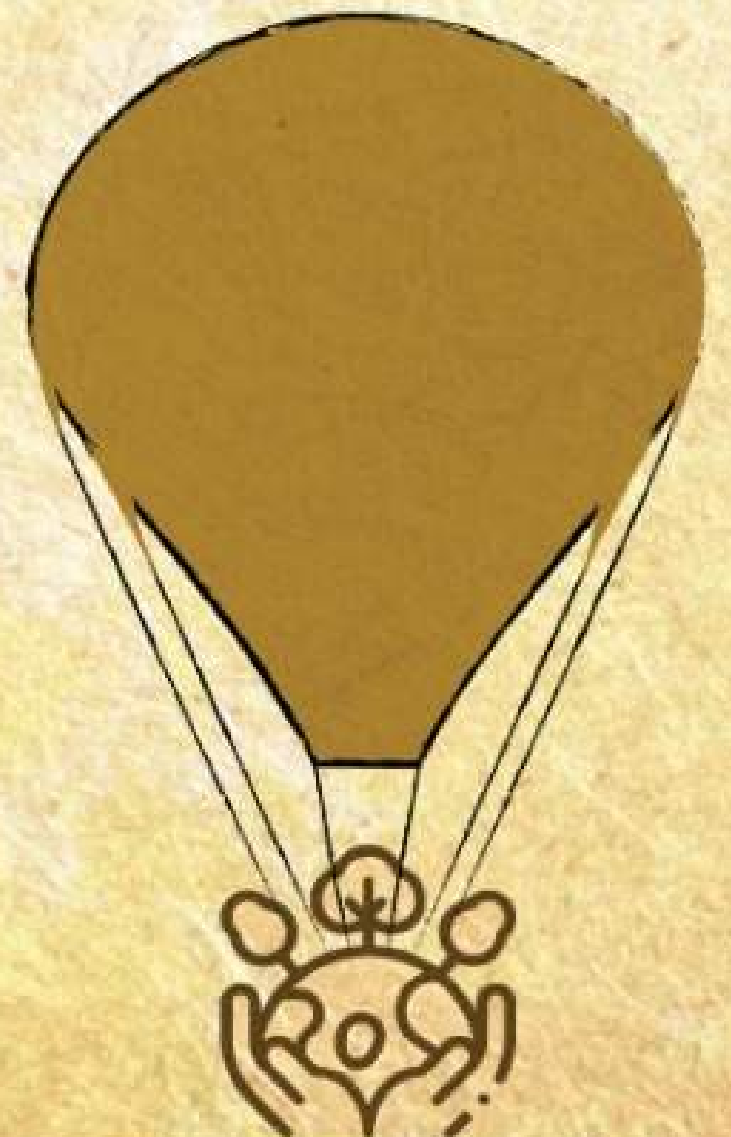
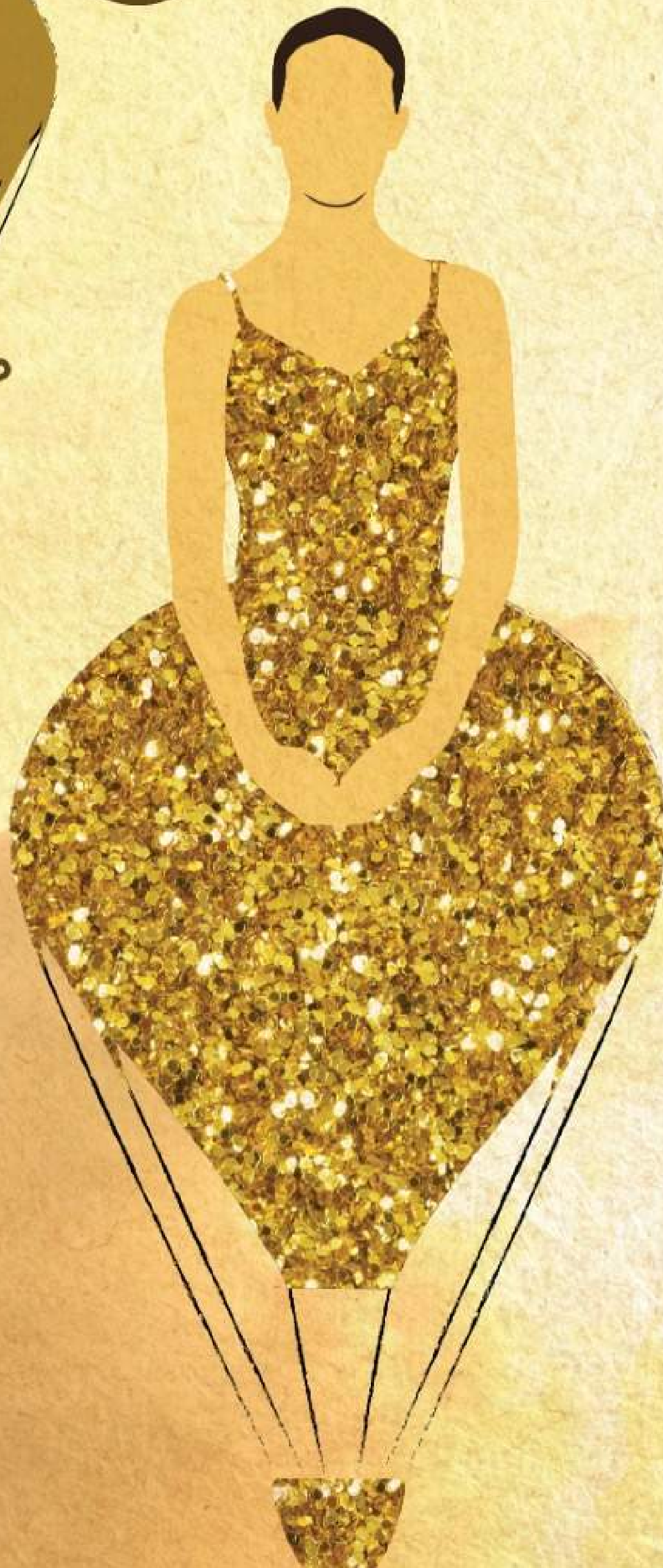
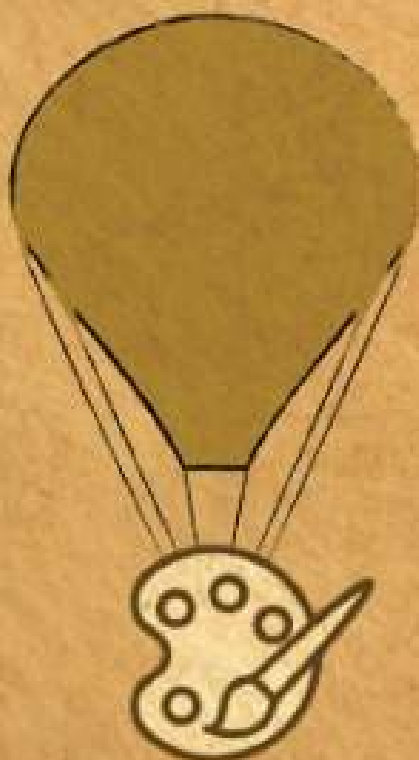
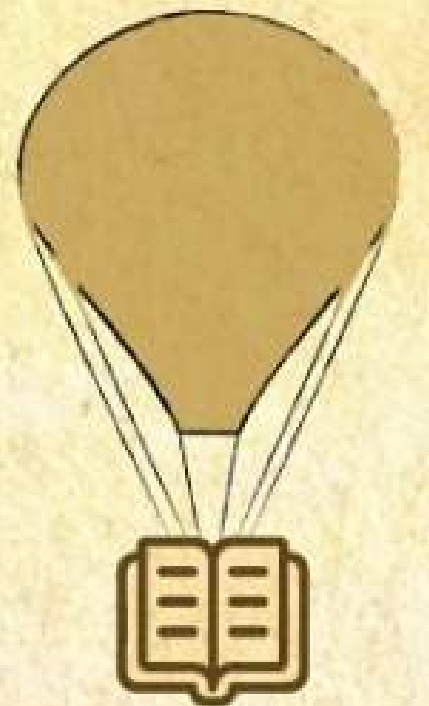
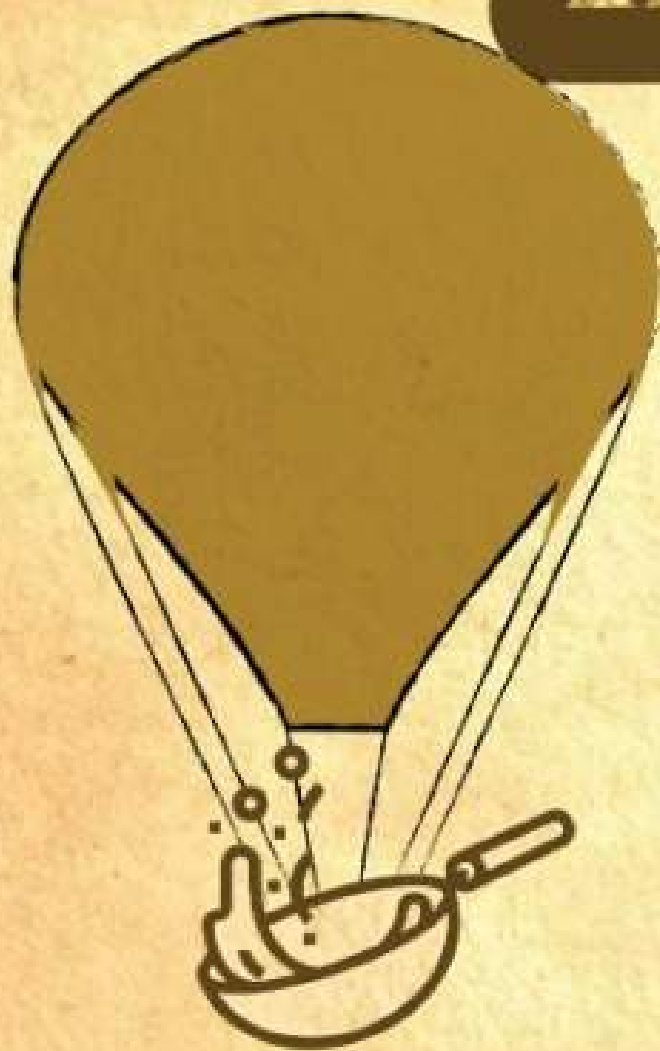
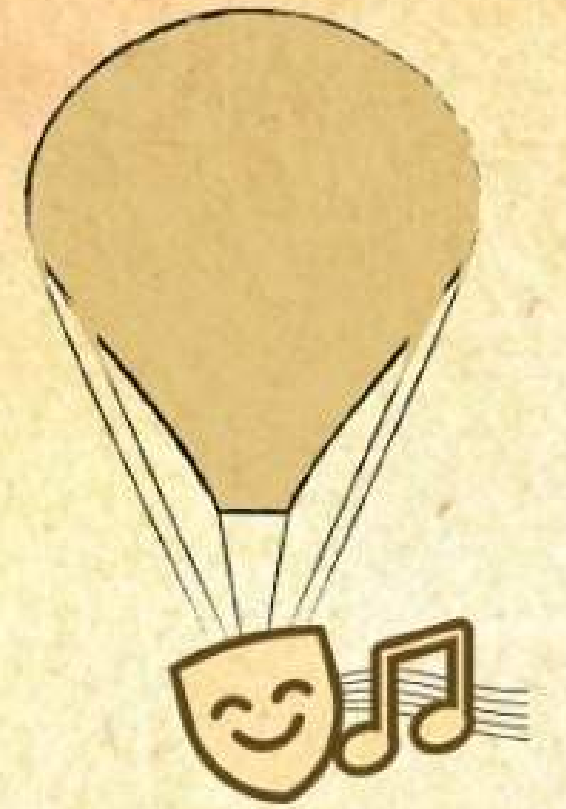
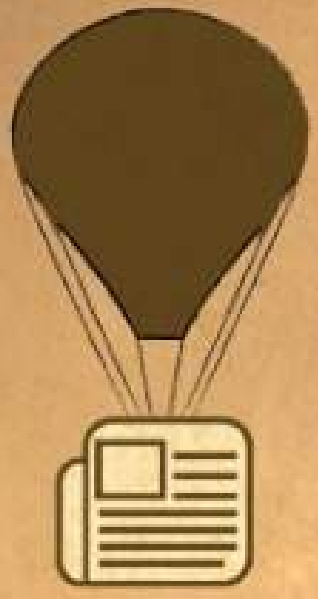




Around the World in 8 Ways



January 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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2023-2024

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3rd

Wed 10:00 a.m. **Managing Committee**
11:00 a.m. **Executive Committee**
@ Zoom

BOARD EVENT

18th

Thu 03:15 p.m. **Welcome Back**
@ Amir Mahal

19th

Fri 04:00 p.m. **Music and Performing Arts**
@ Alagu Muthu's Residence,

23rd

Tue 03:15 p.m. **Book Discussion**
@E-Hotel,

29th

Mon 10:30 a.m. **History Culture and Tours**
@ Zoom

31st

Wed 10:15 a.m. **Current Events**
@ Boat Club,

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES



Deepest condolences

**To Dhun Dalal on the sad
demise of her husband**

**To Javanthi Singaram on the
sad demise of her mother**

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Dear IWA friends,

Wishing everyone a joyful **New Year** and a prosperous **Pongal** on behalf of the committee!

May the coming year bring you joy, success, and countless wonderful moments.

Gratitude to all for your participation in the Christmas programme, spreading cheer through carols and bringing the Nativity Tableau to life.

Special gratitude to **Sushi Natraj** without whom the **Christmas program**, including the amazing carols, the enchanting nativity tableau, and the incredibly successful games, wouldn't have been possible. Your efforts truly made it a festive triumph!

Following Christmas, we continued the festive spirit with a screening of the **Sam Bahadur** movie and a memorable trip to Mumbai, creating lasting moments of joy and camaraderie. A special thanks to **Nina Kothari** for orchestrating the entire visit to **NMACC** and organizing the delightful show **Mamma Mia**, making the experience truly unforgettable for everyone.

A big thank you to **Jeyasree Ravi** for making sure that we enjoyed the **Margazhi** season at the Music Academy with a fantastic **Vocal and Instrumental** Show followed by an amazing **Sabha lunch**. Your efforts truly made the experience memorable for us all.

We are starting the new year on a high note with a **Welcome Back** programme, featuring a musical quiz on **January 18th**.

Hats off to our **Activity Chairs** for their dedicated efforts in securing outstanding speakers and organizing top-notch meetings. We hope you enjoyed the meetings in 2023 and look forward to your continued participation in 2024.

Wishing you all continued happiness and joy.
Stay Shining!

RITU SAHI

SANYUKTA GILL

FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each new calendar year, one member steps down from the **Advisory Committee**.

We extend heartfelt thanks to **Nita Reddy** for her invaluable service. Her commitment has significantly benefited us, and we appreciate her expertise and timely advice, she played a vital role.

We take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to **Nita Reddy, Malini Krishna, and Usha Jawahar** for their unwavering support and valuable advice, always there for us whenever we sought their insights. The **Advisory Committee**, is always contacted by us spontaneously, and their prompt responses have consistently been a valuable support to us.

Thank you so much.

We are pleased to welcome **Shobha Hebbar** as the new member of the **Advisory Committee**. She officially begins her role from January 2024, joining Malini Krishna and Usha Jawahar.

We look forward to working with this new team, recognizing that the **Advisory Committee** has always been invaluable.

Advisory Committee Members- Malini Krishna, Usha Jawahar and Shobha Hebbar.

RITU SAHI

SANYUKTA GILL

We are pleased to welcome 1 new Temporary Non-Indian Member.

**Annu Jalais (J-2 France)
Akshita Ramaniyam, T-38,
16th Cross Street,
Besant nagar,
Chennai-600 090.
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SOMNA SACHDEV

FROM THE TREASURERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st December 2023

RECEIPTS	AMMOUNT	AMMOUNT
To Opening Balance -Cash on Hand	27,935.00	
To Opening Balance-Canara Bank SB A/c .1287101014396	4,15,210.00	
To Opening Balance-Fixed Deposits	14,79,869.00	
	SUB-TOTAL	19,23,014.00
To Membership Annual Subscription fee		18,20,900.00
To New Membership fee		31,000.00
To Interest on Fixed Deposits		68,279.00
To Interest on Savings Bank		23,449.00
To Guest Charges		26,200.00
To Telephone Directory & Other Income		40,307.00
	TOTAL	39,33,149.00
PAYMENTS		AMMOUNT
By AGM Expenses 2022-2023		1,05,439.00
By Meetings including Zoom		4,48,583.40
By Fellowship Morning		73,428.00
By Founder's Day Celebration		1,11,735.00
By IWA - Diwali Celebration		1,52,772.00
By Gift Items		46,346.00
By International Music Day		84,100.00
By Printing and Stationary		87,638.00
By Christmas Celebration		50,541.00
By Postage and Courier Charges		7,912.00
By Salary to Accountant		1,35,000.00
By Bank Charges		1,514.00
By Closing Balance-Cash on Hand	4,17,451.71	
By Closing Balance-Canara bank Savings Bank A/c 1287101014396	8,932.71	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000572/17(MD.24.01.2024)	5,00,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287306000014/6(MD.28.06.2024)	1,00,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000572/18 (MD.14.07.2024)	4,24,354.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000571/9 (MD.29.03.2024)	2,00,000.00	
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By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000637/6(MD.26.12.2024)	5,515.00	
By Tax Deducted at Source 2023-2024	6,888.00	
By Short Term Fixed Deposits for 2023-2024	7,15,000.00	
	SUB-TOTAL	26,28,141.00
	TOTAL	39,33,149.00

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IWA BOARD EVENT



THU | 18 JAN | 3:15 P.M
@ AMIR MAHAL



WELCOME BACK



RITU SAHI

SANYUKTA GILL

THE MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Date: Thursday, 18th January 2024

Time: 03:15 p.m

Venue: Amir Mahal,
257, Bharathi Salai,
Royapettah,
Chennai-600 014.



MUSICAL MARVELS & MELODIES: AN EVENING OF FUN AND QUIZ FUSION!

We begin the New Year with an -
**An Enchanting Musical Affair: Live Singers,
Quiz Delight, and Magical Moments for All!**

Embark on an evening of fun, laughter,
happiness, and joy with songs both old and
new, skillfully sung by **Anuj, Sumathi and
Haston**, the talented voices from the Music
Conservatory of **A. R. Rahman**.

This specially organized and curated musical
experience, including a delightful musical
quiz, is conducted by the talented **Nawabzada
Muhammad Asif Ali**—also a social and cultural
activist and philanthropist. Enjoy the evening
in the century old and history laden **Amir
Mahal**, the family palace of the **Prince of
Arcot**.

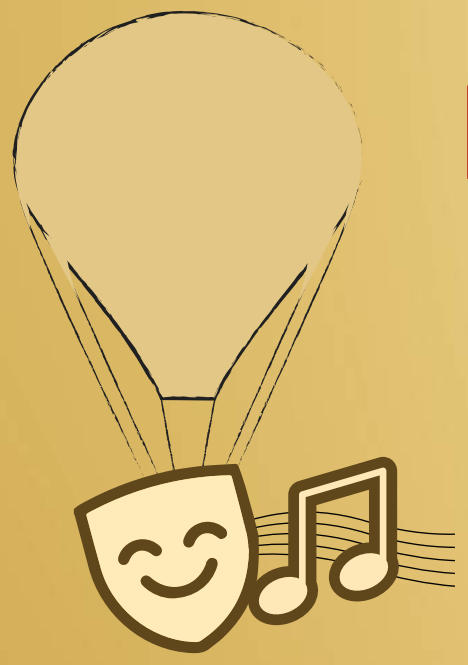
Welcome to a unique and interactive
celebration crafted just for you!

This is a Members only Meeting.

RITU SAHI

SANYUKTA GILL

THE MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES



MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

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**FRI | 19 JAN | 04:00 PM
@ ALAGU MUTHU'S
RESIDENCE**

RAVI RAJAGOPALAN

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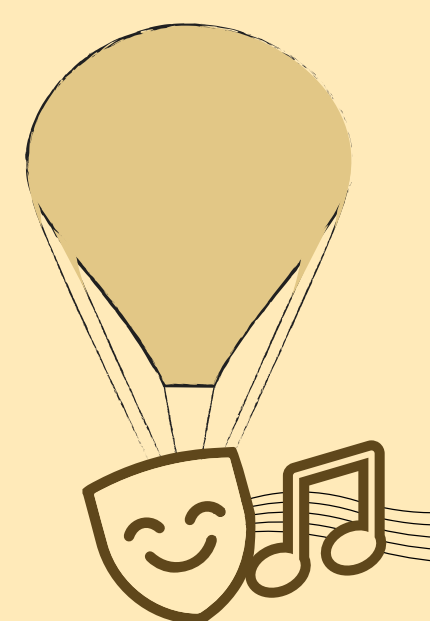
**BOSSA NOVA-THE AMAZING
BRAZILIAN JAZZ BEAT**

**JYOTHI GANESH
JANSI KISHORE**



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Date : Friday, 19th January 2024
Time: 04:00 p.m
Venue: Alagu Muthu's Residence,
"Beau Rivage"
138, Santhome High Road,
Opposite MRC Kalyana Mandapam,
Chennai-600 028.



"BOSSA NOVA - THE AMAZING BRAZILIAN JAZZ BEAT!"

Ravi Rajagopalan is Founder and CEO of Boson Systems, a fintech. An engineer by practice and temperament, he has had considerable experience working overseas in places like China, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Singapore, Paris and London.

Jazz sneaked into Ravi's life via his love for Bach's fugues and the extempore elements of Carnatic music. A year in Paris in the mid 90's cemented his love for jazz. During the pandemic he started Jazz Saturdays- a series of Zoom casts on various topics on jazz. There are now 35 Jazz Saturdays available on SoundCloud- on topics ranging from The Birth of Jazz to Jazz in the USSR as his response to the Ukraine conflict.

He is also an amateur war historian, avid photographer and connoisseur of wines with names that are difficult to pronounce. He lives in Mumbai with his wife, daughter and one cat who rules them all with an iron paw.

Come and learn a little bit about **Bossa Nova**, the Jazz beat from Brazil that took the world by storm and inspires some lovely dance music. Listen to stories, anecdotes and samples of this great art form.

We are most grateful to **Alagu Muthu** for so generously hosting this meeting in her beautiful house.

We thank **Lalita Naidu** for being the Day Facilitator.

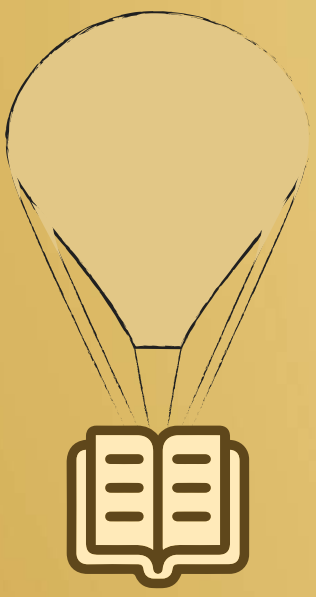
This is a **warn in** meeting for 40 members, Kindly warn in by a Whatsapp message **Jansi Kishore@ 98415 89896 / Jyothi Ganesh @ 98400 97298**.

JYOTHI GANESH

JANSI KISHORE

BOOK DISCUSSION

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**TUE | 23 JAN | 03:15 P.M
@ E-HOTEL**

**SAMARA PARAKH &
SAI AKHIL ANAND**

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**MEET THE PRODIGIES: A FUSION OF
WORDS, COLOURS AND PATTERNS**

**RAJSHRI SUNDRANI
SUSHI GOKLANEY**



Date: Tuesday, 23rd January 2024

Time: 03:15 p.m

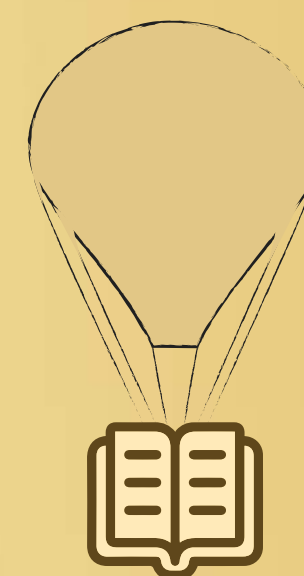
Venue: E-Hotel,

Gate No 1,

Express Avenue Mall,

Pattullos Road,

Chennai-600 002.



MEET THE PRODIGIES: A FUSION OF WORDS, COLOURS AND PATTERNS

Meet the dynamic duo of creativity, **Samara Parakh** and **Sai Akhil Anand**, the rising stars in the literary galaxy.

In this dual interview member, **Gowri Visvanathan** will be in conversation with two next-gen speakers **Sai Akhil Anand** (grandson of **Rani Ananth**) and **Samara Parakh** (daughter of **Sheetal Parakh**).

Sai Akhil Anand

A 12-year-old artistic virtuoso, whose passion for Indian tribal art forms has become a beacon of inspiration. Mentored by Ms. **Diana Satish**, Akhil delves into **Madhubani, Gond, Cheriya, Warli, Kalighat** and **Kerala Mural Art** with an enthusiasm that belies his age. In his book - **The Heart of Math**, he shares his perspective of patterns in everyday life Currently working on his first solo exhibition, "**Math Patterns in Nature**,"

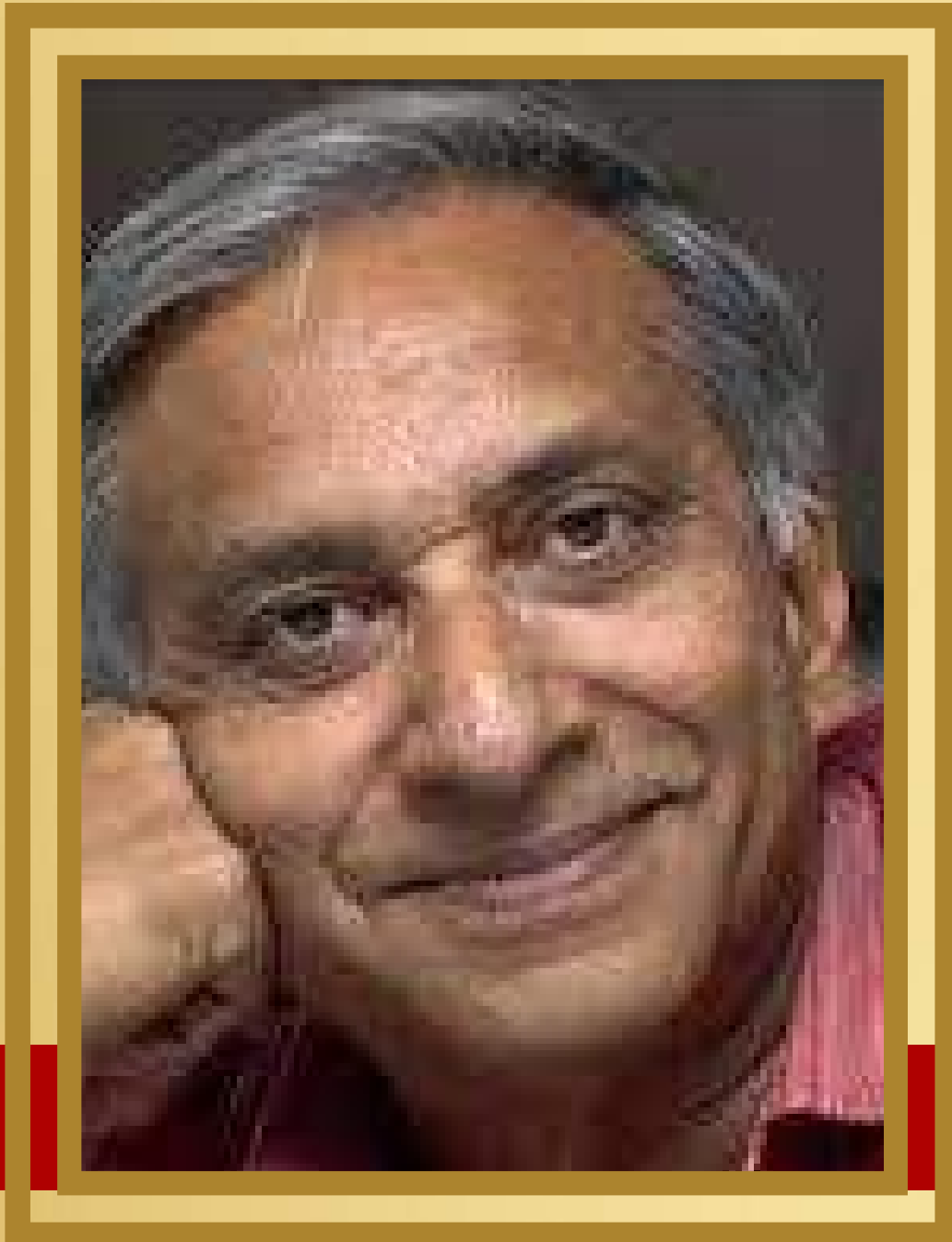
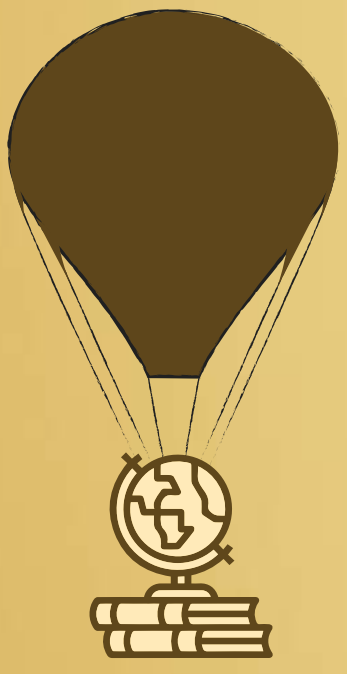
A young entrepreneur, **Akhil** runs "**Akhilisms**," a platform where he shares his custom-produced art as affordable, giftable items. Not just an artist, Akhil is a philanthropist, channelling the proceeds from his sales to support specially-abled children. Beyond the canvas, Akhil is a chess enthusiast, gymnast, yogi, and badminton player.

Samara Parakh

At a mere 16 years old, **Samara** is a literary force to be reckoned with. Having recently unveiled her debut poetry collection, "**Through the Looking Glass**," she emerges as a young author on a mission. **Samara's** love affair with the written word ignited at a young age, fostering a passion that transcends genres, from fiction to poetry and even research.

Immersed in the world of literature since the age of 12, **Samara's** debut book hit the shelves at 15, showcasing a depth of insight and a lyrical prowess well beyond her years. Beyond her literary pursuits, **Samara** finds solace in the realms of music, film and art.

We thank **Vimal Shivdasani** for being the day facilitator.



**MON | 29TH DEC | 10.30 A.M
@ ZOOM**

ANAND K SAHAY

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**AFGHANISTAN THROUGH THE LENSE OF
A VETERAN JOURNALIST**

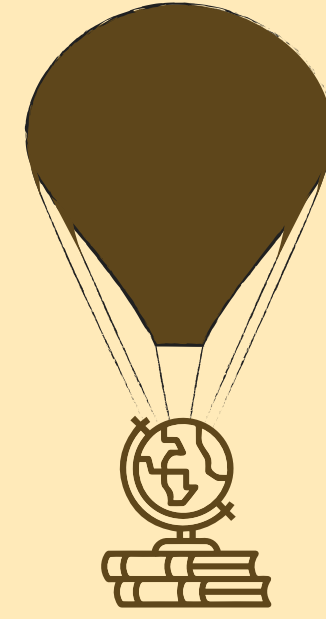
**JAYA MAHBUBANI
ROHINI TUMMALA**



Date: Monday, 29th January 2024

Time: 10.30 a.m

Venue: Zoom



AFGHANISTAN THROUGH THE LENSE OF A VETERAN JOURNALIST

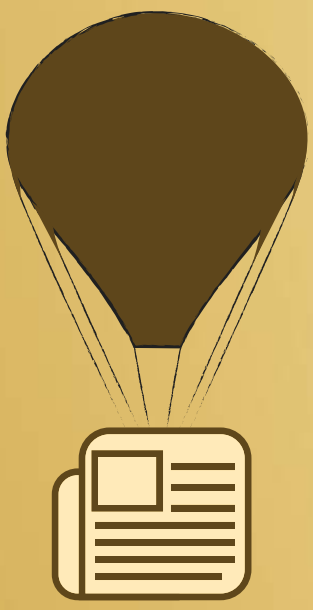
Anand K Sahay, journalist, editor, columnist, and commentator on political affairs has been a Special Correspondent for various esteemed publications. **Mr. Sahay's** profile could run into several pages, but here we will share with you just a few titbits. He travelled by boat to the Palk Straits, flew in an Indian Air Force plane to drop food packets over Jaffna and then reported out of the war-torn city in Northern Sri Lanka; he reported the fall of Gorbachev out of Moscow, and then travelled to report the birth of the new South Africa. He also reported the transfer of Hong Kong by Britain to China in 1997.

On a lighter note, when the Hindi teacher in Nangarhar University in eastern Afghanistan fled in terror, he even donned the mantle of Hindi Professor.

Today we will meet with **Mr. Sahay** over a zoom call to hear about his fascinating first-hand experiences with special emphasis on his year in **Afghanistan**, a country that conjures up images of beauty and tragedy, seen through the eyes of this veteran journalist and experienced correspondent.

JAYA MAHBUBANI

ROHINI TUMMALA



**WED | 31 JAN | 10:15 AM
@ BOAT CLUB**

FATHIMA SHARAFATH

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SCARED OF BEING SCAMMED LATELY?**

**REKHA RANGARAJ
SUKHEE LEE**

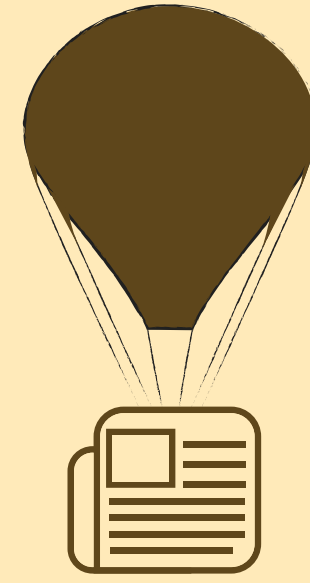


CURRENT EVENTS

Date: Wednesday, 31st January 2024

Time: 10:15 am.

Venue: The Boat Club ,
R A Puram,
Chennai 600 028.



SCARED OF BEING SCAMMED LATELY?

Meet **Fathima Sharafath** a banker for over 25 years across ANZ Grindlays Bank, ABN Amro Bank, Standard Chartered Bank & HDFC Bank.

She will be in conversation with IWA's **Shirely Verghese** to speak about being wary of online scams and create an awareness of being aware of when we are lured by offers made by reputable institutions.

There is not one of us who have not been subjected to this kind of stress! Come along and learn how to be canny and careful!

We thank **Bilkis Moosa** for being our day facilitator.

REKHA RANGARAJ

SUKHEE LEE

Mamma Mia! What a trip that was!

41 enthusiastic **IWA members** whisked off to Mumbai by the 7 a.m. flight on Sunday, 10th December, and from the time of landing at the airport till we were dropped off back there for the night flight home, **NMACC** gave us the royal treatment, packing the entire day with **Fun, Frolic, Food and Fest.**

The **Grand Theatre** was world class, **Mamma Mia**, the show had us dancing in our seats and in the aisles, the mood nostalgic and upbeat and if not for the silver hair and shining crowns, one would think it was a bunch of schoolgirls on a picnic, so infectious was the vibe. We were guided through by friendly and polished staff and got to experience the **Yayoi Kusuma's Infinity Room** visited the **Arthouse** and we have numerous photos to share of, amongst others, our **Andy Warhol** interlude with our very own Madonnas and Monroes!

The crowning glory at the end of the day was the unexpected, unscheduled **Fountain of Joy**, that sprinkled us with a cool spray, accompanied by catchy, foot-tapping and also heart-tugging tunes, befitting a grand finale.

We owe many thanks to **Nina Kothari** for the faultless organisation and gracious hospitality. Thank You **Nina!**

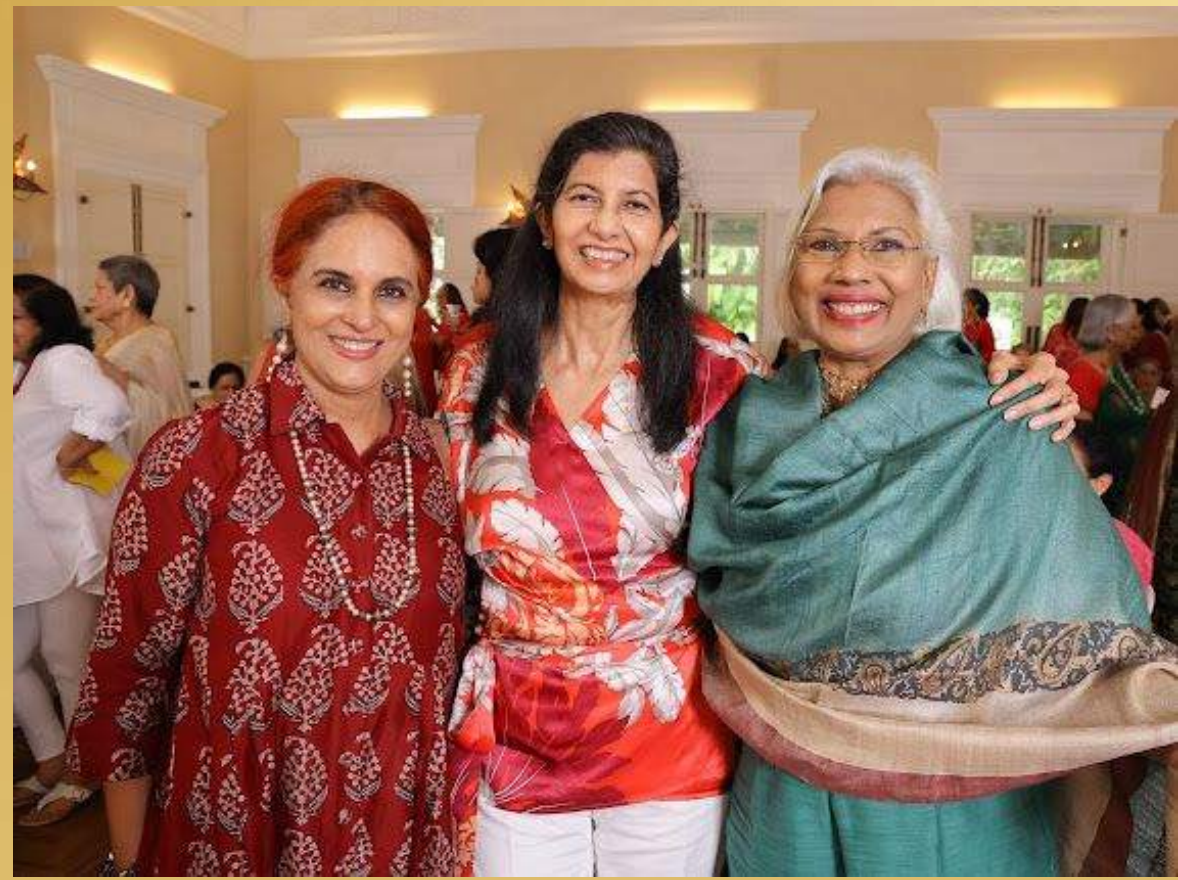
Judging by the warm-hearted appreciative feedback, this was for all - an unforgettable experience of the **Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre** in Mumbai!

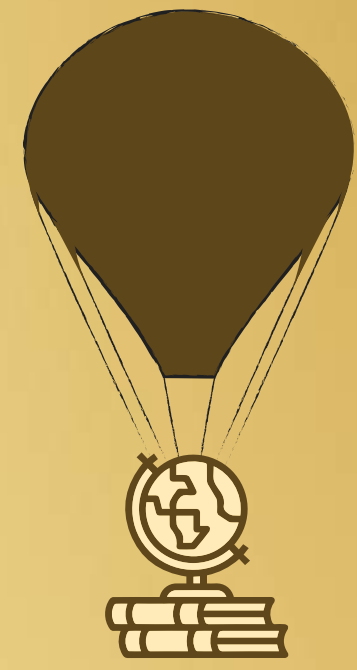
JAYA MAHBUBANI

CHRISTMAS HARMONY-CAROLS AND NATIVITY TABLEAU 20





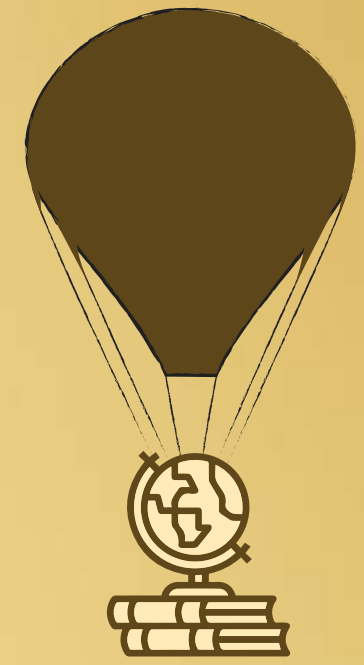




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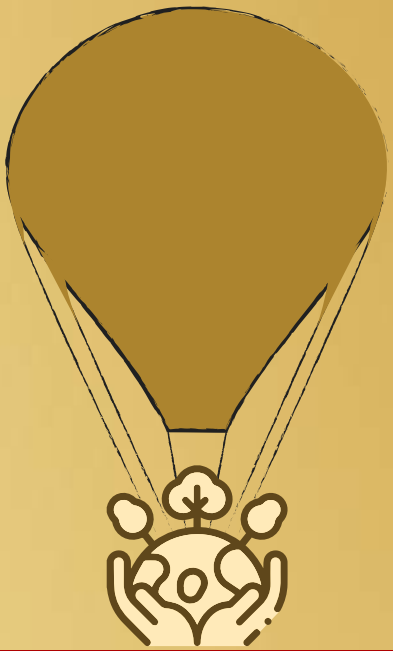
MAMMA MIA !



HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS



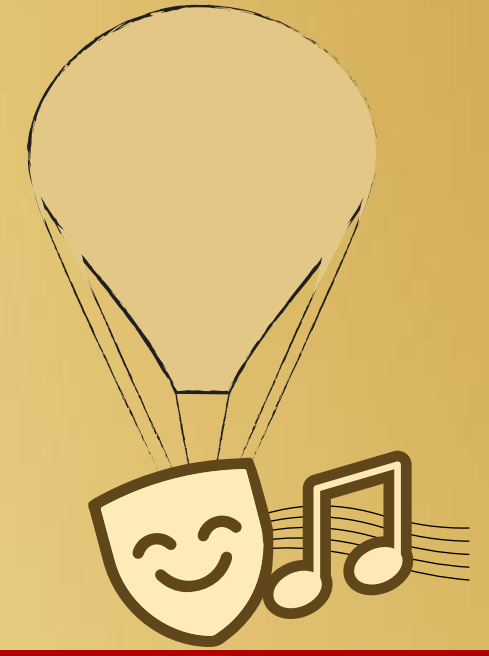
"ANTHROPOLOGY AND CONSERVATION: UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENTS"-ANNU JALAIS



HEALTH & ECOLOGY



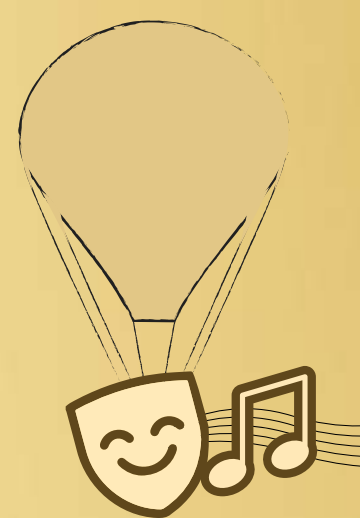
“CULTURAL CAROLS: AN ANGLO INDIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION” - ANDREA JACOB



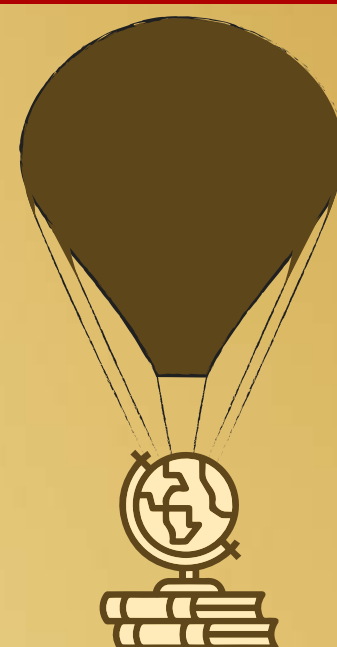
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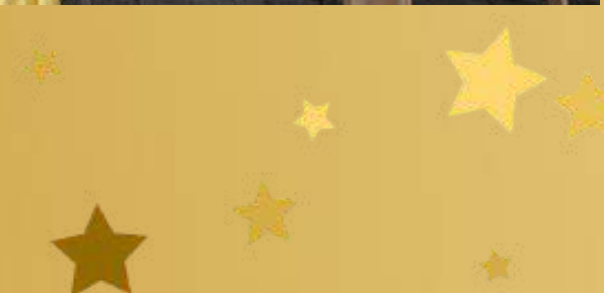
MARGAZHI AND SABHA



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

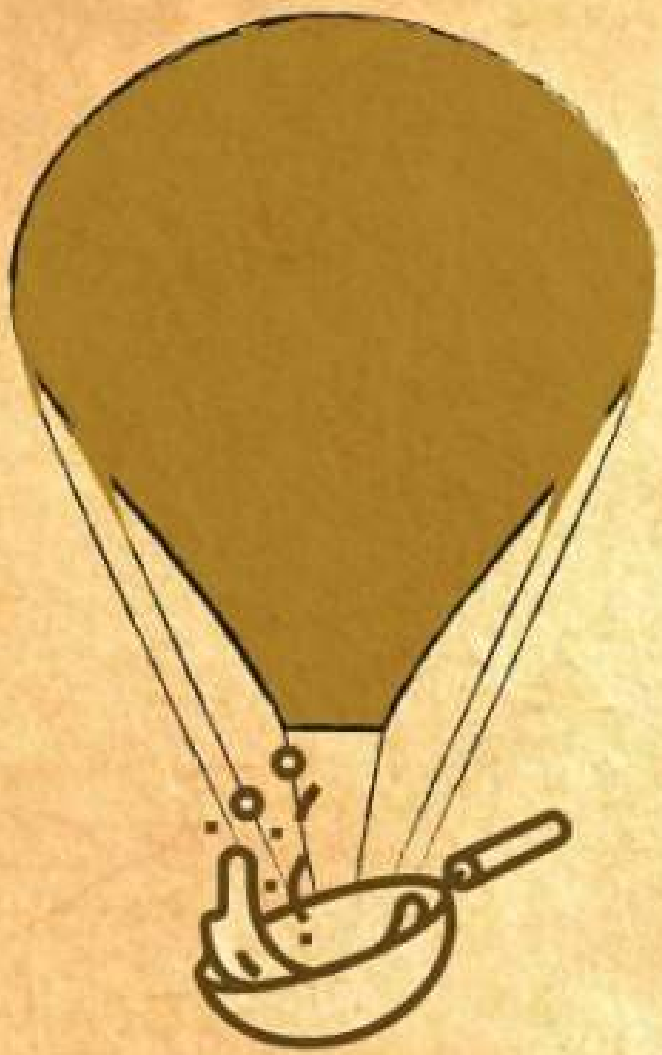
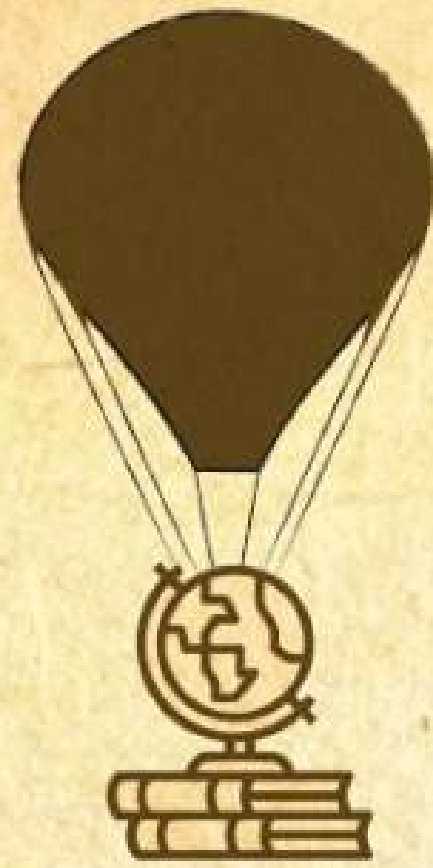
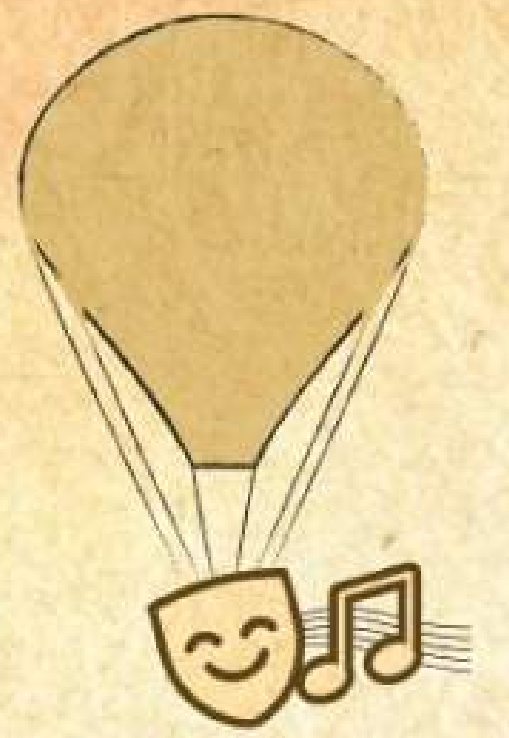
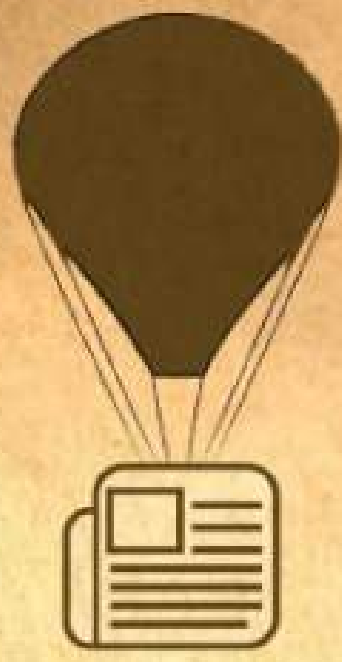


HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS



Former Presidents

1986 - 1988	Nirmal Seshadri	Nancy Dean
1988 - 1990	Vanitha Mudaliar	Barbara Clarkson
1990 - 1991	Sunita Shahaney	Janet Picken
1991 - 1992	Nirmal Mirza	Stina Vasu
1992 - 1993	Malini Vijayaraghavan	Maureen Hudson Murari
1993 - 1994	Nanditha Krishna	Aruna Vijaykumar
1994 - 1995	Lily Madhok	Margaret Sekharan
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